

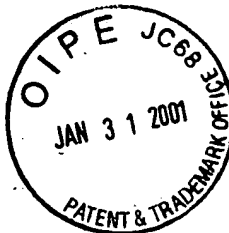


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Re: U.S. Utility Application No. 09/206,040  
Filed: December 4, 1998  
For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other  
Molecules Associated with Plants  
Inventors: Joseph R. BYRUM *et al.*  
Atty. Dkt: 04983.0151.00US01/38-21(15446)B

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (in duplicate);
2. Appellant's Brief, including Appendix A (in triplicate);
3. Our Check No. 345393 in the amount of \$1,200.00 to cover the fee for submission of an appeal brief (\$310.00) and the fee for a 3-month extension of time (\$890.00); and
4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures